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Sir:

As the below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our respective residence addresses, post office addresses and citizenship designations are as stated below, next to our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the patent application entitled:

ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH NITS AND FREE-FLOWING PARTICLES

the specification of which was filed April 12, 2000 and assigned serial number 09/547,203.

We hereby state that each of us has reviewed and understands the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims and any accompanying drawings, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

We further acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application and which became available between the filing date of prior application serial number 09/165,875 entitled "Absorbent Article with Center Fill Performance", prior application serial number 09/165,871 entitled "Absorbent Article Having Good Body Fit Under Dynamic Conditions", prior provisional application serial number 60/129,752 entitled "Method of Making an Absorbent Article Containing Eucalyptus Nits", and prior provisional application serial number 60/129,746 entitled "Absorbent Article with Nits and Free-Flowing Particles", and the national or PCT international filing date of the present continuation-in-part application.

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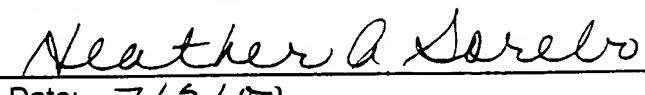
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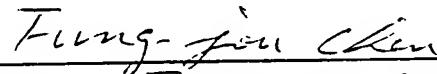
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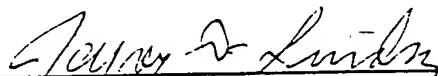
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